



On December 11, 1995, while working for the respondent, claimant fainted, fell, and cut her scalp when she struck the tiled floor. Claimant testified that she does not know why she fainted and the record is otherwise silent in this regard.

The Appeals Board agrees with the Administrative Law Judge that claimant's accident is not compensable. Before injuries from idiopathic events are compensable, the employment must create some special hazard or increased risk. See Bennett v. Wichita Fence Co., 16 Kan. App. 2d 458, 824 P.2d 1001, rev. denied 250 Kan. 804 (1992). The Appeals Board finds that the claimant's employment did not create an increased risk or special hazard. Based upon the present record, claimant's request for benefits should be denied.

**WHEREFORE**, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the preliminary hearing Order dated November 1, 1996, should be, and hereby is, affirmed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of January 1997.

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BOARD MEMBER

c: Beth Regier Foerster, Topeka, KS  
Mark E. Kolich, Kansas City, KS  
Bryce D. Benedict, Administrative Law Judge  
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